

## NO COAL STRIKE THIS TIME.

## MINERS' CONVENTION YIELDS TO OPERATORS' DEMAND.

The District Presidents Voted for as Members of the Board of Conciliation—Mitchell Warns the Men Not to Let Their Organization Dwindle.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 16.—The convention of the United Mine Workers to-day yielded the point for which the operators have contended, and there will be no strike in the anthracite coal region just now. The delegates at the morning session, by districts and as a convention, endorsed the selection of the district presidents as members of the Board of Conciliation and then in the afternoon adjourned with song and expressions of good will.

Before the convention adjourned the delegates were made happy by word from President Baer of the Reading that he accepted cheerfully the work of to-day's convention in choosing conciliators.

The agreement that resulted in the action of the miners to-day was effected during the night through the efforts of Mitchell and some of the more conservative leaders. The convention got started a few minutes after 10 o'clock. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

To the delegates in special convention, Districts 1, 7 and 9, U. M. W. of A.:

We, your committee, having under consideration the disagreement in relation to the appointment of the Board of Conciliation provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, beg leave to submit the following statement and recommendations and ask for their favorable consideration.

Whereas, A controversy has arisen between the anthracite coal operators and the anthracite coal mine workers concerning the selection of the members of the Board of Conciliation as provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, and

Whereas, The anthracite coal operators have refused to recognize the members of the board selected by the anthracite coal mine workers, and in the manner provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, assigning as their excuse the fact that the anthracite coal mine workers have refused to recognize the members of the board selected by the anthracite coal mine workers, and

Whereas, We believe and know that our members of the Board of Conciliation were selected or provided for in the award of the anthracite coal strike commission, and are regularly accredited representatives, having full authority to act for us in the adjustment of grievances or disputes growing out of the interpretation or application of the award of the coal strike commission, and as such should have been recognized without question by the operators' representatives, and

Whereas, The action of the executive boards of Districts 1, 7 and 9 of the U. M. W. of A. in appointing the members of the board has been endorsed by the Hon. George Gray, chairman of the coal strike commission, thus confirming the correctness of the action of the operators' representatives, and

Whereas, Notwithstanding all their evidences in support of our position, the anthracite coal operators persist in their arrogant refusal to carry out in a broad, fair, liberal spirit the award of the coal strike commission, disregarding the interests of both their employees and the general public, who have suffered so much discomfort and inconvenience as a result of the action of the anthracite coal operators during the last year, and

Whereas, We, the representatives of the anthracite coal mine workers, deeply conscious of the great suffering, loss and inconvenience that would result from a suspension of coal mining, and in order to avert such a dire calamity have decided to remove even the remotest possibility of misunderstanding concerning the legality of the appointment of our members of the Board of Conciliation, and in order to do so it is hereby

Resolved, That we, the duly accredited representatives of Districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America, in separate and in collective conventions assembled, having full authority from our various local unions, which represent an overwhelming majority of all persons employed in or around the anthracite coal fields, hereby authorize them to act as our representatives in the adjudication of all disputes growing out of the interpretation or application of the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission and in any other way growing out of the relations of the employers and employees, and be

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The delegates gave three cheers and a tiger for Mitchell after the motion to adjourn was put, and everybody wanted to see the delegates to shake hands.

Mitchell and the district presidents met at the St. Charles Hotel to-night and decided to do all in their power to have the Conciliation Board get together at once. The miners are insisting upon this.

## COFFIN MAKERS STRIKE.

They Want a Saturday Half Holiday Most—Predict a Scarcity of Coffins.

The coffin makers employed by several firms of undertakers went on strike yesterday for a nine-and-a-half-hour workday, five days a week, and a three-hour day on Saturdays. They have been working ten hours a day, and they say that is too long in such a business.

Among the places affected are Stolte's and Taylor's factories in East 109th street and the factory of Hornthal, Morgan & Co. The keenest demand is for the short workday on Saturdays. One of the strikers said yesterday:

"Saturday is a sort of off day, and it makes me feel melancholy to be looking at coffins to the very last minute. We want to enter into Sunday without thinking of coffins. If our demands are not granted this week the strike will be extended and coffins will become scarce. As we feel for the survivors of the departed, we don't want this to happen."

## MORDED A WORKING BAKER.

Harber Wanted to Make a Living, but the Union Wouldn't Let Him.

The three employees in the bakery of Lewis Harber, at 39 Essex street, joined the bakers' strike on Sunday, since which time Harber has been trying to keep his little business going by working at the ovens himself, assisted by his wife.

The bakers' union heard of this and several committees waited on him and told him he must stop all work as he was taking the place of union men.

Harber protested that he was a poor man and must work, but the strikers wouldn't give in. Several of them waited on him again on Monday and told him that unless he closed up his business they would wreck his store and kill him.

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During the intermission I got into communication with the coal operators' representatives and the Board of Conciliation and I am authorized to say that if a man cannot give up the time once a week, twice a week or every two weeks to the meetings, then he ought to be kicked out of the mine. We must keep our union and our strength.

If the anthracite miners ever desert the union I shall regret as long as I live that I so much as set my foot in the anthracite union. You got in two years ago what you wouldn't get in thirty, not alone in wages,

## CLASH OVER IRISH LAND BILL.

## TRUCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ENDS IN ULTIMATUM.

Redmond's Amendment on Purchase Price of Land Fought in House of Commons and Government Gets a Majority of Only 41—Liberals Support Amendment.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 16.—Two days' hammering at the Irish Land bill in committee of the House of Commons has resulted in bringing the Irish members sharply in conflict with the Government and seriously impeding that "truce of God," regarding which so many felicitous words were exchanged by the Ministers and Nationalists.

The crisis of the bill, as already explained in THE SUN's cable despatches, lies in the question of the purchase price of the land. The first clause says that in the case of second-term rents the purchase price shall not be less than 10 per cent. and no more than 30 per cent. of the existing rents, and in case of first-term rents, not less than 20 and no more than 40 per cent.

Then Mr. Redmond moved an amendment substituting 15 and 25 per cent., respectively, for 10 and 30 per cent.

Throughout yesterday the Nationalists fought strenuously for the abolition of the fixed minimum, although Mr. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, the introduction of the bill, twice expressed his determination to adhere to that minimum, reminding the Irish members that that was the amount fixed in each case by the Land Conference.

Speaking again to-day Mr. Wyndham offered to listen to any plea urged for the purpose of exempting the poorest tenants, but said he could not yield the principle. Then Mr. Redmond rose and delivered an ultimatum on behalf of his party. He said that the Irish must stand by their amendment. He concluded by saying:

"Unless the right honorable gentleman can see his way to go further I cannot truthfully say to the Irish people that the bill will fulfill the hopes which have been raised in Ireland, or that it will settle the Irish question." He warned Mr. Wyndham that they were at the parting of the ways.

Mr. John Morley and Sir Edward Gray backed Mr. Redmond, who was supported by all the Nationalists and by T. W. Russell who, although he is a Unionist, strongly advocates land reform. Some of the more fiery Nationalists launched out in old style attacks on the government, but Mr. Redmond checked them, clearly not desiring to embitter the debate.

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The case was adjourned without a decision.

BRITAIN COMPLAINS TO CHINA. Treatment of Applicants for Concessions Not Satisfactory.

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The Government had remonstrated strongly with China on this subject. The Foreign Minister assured the House that the Government would back British railway interests as strongly as any other country would back the rights of its citizens.

INCOME TAX FOR FRANCE. Minister Rouvier's Plan to Meet the Big Deficit.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, June 16.—Admiral Rouvier, the Minister of Finance, announced to-day that he estimated the deficit for the year at 58,100,000 francs. The Minister stated that in order to prevent new taxation measures would be taken to augment the yield from the present taxes.

M. Rouvier announced that he would introduce a measure providing for a tax of 1.50 cent. on incomes, subject to various deductions, such as an allowance according to the number of children in each family. He also stated that he would propose a tax of 4 per cent. on rents.

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